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1. AS A SMALL, DEVELOPING COUNTRY, ALBEIT A RELATIVELY RICH ONE, T&T IS PERFORCE A FOLLOWER RATHER THAN A LEADER IN MATTERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. SINCE ITS PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INCOME IS OIL AND GAS AND SINCE PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ARE CENTERED LARGELY ON ENERGY-BASED INDUSTRIES, T&T IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTED IN SEVERAL OF THE ISSUES MENTIONED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL. IN ADDITION TO ITS ENERGY-RELATED CONCERNS, THE GOTT IS BROADLY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING AND IMPROVING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, I.E. ENHANCED ACCESS TO MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES.

2. THE GOTT IS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING AN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER EDUCATION. ONE OF ITS PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS WILL BE TO SEEK WAYS OF IMPROVING THE UTILIZATION AND ADAPTATION TO THE NEEDS OF T&T OF
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AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY. NEVERTHELESS, WE FIND THAT THE GOTT GENERALLY DEALS DIRECTLY WITH US AND OTHER FOREIGN COMPANIES, AND WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, FOR ITS SPECIFIC SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDS, A POLICY WHICH APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO US AND LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE CONSIDER OUR PRESENT
STAFF ADEQUATE FOR CURRENT AS WELL AS FORESEEABLE
FUTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS. WHILE SOME
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT FOR T&T,
THE FLOW IS LARGELY FROM THE US TO THIS COUNTRY AND IS
HANDLED PRIMARILY BETWEEN THE GOTT AND US PRIVATE SECTOR
ORGANIZATIONS. THUS THE EMBASSY'S ROLE IS AND CAN
BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN RATHER LIMITED, CONCENTRATING ON
VARIOUS FACILITATIVE SERVICES.
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